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WE HAVE BEEN GIFTED AN OPPORTUNITY. THE PIERCES, THE AMAZONS, AND THE ELS ARE ALL IN ONE PLACE FOR THE FIRST TIME.

YOU CAN STRIKE NOW. AND WIPE ALL FROM THE TABLE.

THE CASTLE IS SURROUNDED BY FLAME.

I HAVE A SECRET GROUP AT MY COMMAND. THEY KNOW, LIKE CAPTAIN DEADSHOT, THAT THEY WILL DIE IF THEY CROSS ME.

TOMORROW, BEFORE DAWN, THIS GROUP WILL EXTINGUISH THE FIRES OF THE ENEMY ARMIES OUTSIDE THE CASTLE. SLAUGHTER THE ARMIES AND YOU WILL DRAW OUT THEIR RULERS.

YOU WILL NOT TOUCH ANY OF THE PEOPLE OR SOLDIERS IN MY KINGDOM, PROTEX. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

AND AFTER WE ELIMINATE YOUR ENEMIES, WALLER, WHAT THEN?

THEN THE WORLD IS YOURS, FROM THE OCEAN KINGDOM TO THE FROZEN LANDS OF JARNLÜND, SO LONG AS MY KINGDOM AND MY PEOPLE REMAIN MINE.

THAT IS OUR IDEA FOR THE ALIENS, YOUR MAJESTY...UH, MAJESTIES.

IT WILL REQUIRE DECEPTION. AND THERE IS AN ELEMENT OF RISK WITH RELEASING AN UNCONTROLLABLE FORCE THAT REALLY SHOULD NOT BE RELEASED.

BUT WE BELIEVE WE CAN NULLIFY THE ALIENS. OF COURSE, THEIR ULTIMATE FATE WILL REST WITH YOU.

WHOSE IDEA WAS THIS?

THE IDEA CAME FROM US ALL. CONSTANTINE, QUINN, AND MYSELF. ADVISORS OF THREE KINGDOMS.

BUT YOU HAD THE GREATEST MIND IN THE WORLD LOCKED IN YOUR DUNGEON. SO WE ALSO ASKED FOR HIS COUNSEL.

THE PLAN HAS A CHANCE OF SUCCESS. A GREATER CHANCE THAN ANY I CAN FATHOM.

YOUR ADVISORS ARE ADVISING WELL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WISDOM, BOBO.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR VISITS AND MANY SCINTILLATING CONVERSATIONS IN THE DUNGEONS, MS. QUINN.

THE QUEENS SHALL DISCUSS YOUR PROPOSAL. THANK YOU.

CONSTANTINE.

I ASSUME, GIVEN THE PIERCE FAMILY'S INTEGRAL PART IN THIS PLAN, THAT THE FINAL PIECE CAME FROM YOU?

MAYBE.

YOU ARE BEING BLAMED FOR MUCH OF WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED.

I HOPE YOU WILL TAKE CREDIT IF THIS SUCCEEDS.

SURE. AND IF IT ALL GOES ARSE-UP, I'LL TELL 'EM IT WAS THE MONKEY'S IDEA.

JUST BEFORE DAWN, THE AIR SUDDENLY COOLED ACROSS THE CAMP OF THE AMAZONS OUTSIDE THE CASTLE.

THAT'S IT, CAPTAIN COLD.

A BLIZZARD APPEARED FROM NOWHERE.

THE FIRES!

KEEP THE FIRES BURNING!

AS THE FIRES WERE EXTINGUISHED, THE SKY FILLED WITH SMOKE.

DESPITE THE DIRECTION THE BLIZZARD WAS BLOWING, THE SMOKE REACHED TOWARD THE AMAZON ARMY, AND A WAVE OF TERROR CAME WITH IT.

GENERAL PHILIPPUS!

BE READY!

AMIDST THE HAZE, A SHRIEK WAS HEARD.

SREEEEEEEEE

EEEEEEEEEE

BUT IT WAS NOT A SCREAM OF FEAR.

IT WAS A SCREAM ONCE MISTAKEN FOR A BANSHEE'S CRY. A SCREAM THAT PUSHED BACK AGAINST THE DARK CLOUD.

AND THE AIR RIPPLED AND WRITHED.

UNABLE TO RETAIN THEIR FORM AMIDST THE SONIC CRY OF THE BLACK CANARY...

...THE SMOKE BECAME TEETH AND NIGHTMARES AND MURDER.

THEY'RE HERE!

REMEMBER, BRUCE, THEY ARE OVERRELIANT ON THEIR POWER. THEY ARE NOT AS CUNNING AS THEY BELIEVE.

THANK YOU... I'M SORRY. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO CALL YOU.

BRUCE. I HAVE BEEN ALFRED FOR DECADES. I WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE BEING HIM, BUT NOT IF YOU FEEL IT'S DECEPTIVE.

BE WHO YOU NEED TO BE.

I SHOULD GO WITH YOU.

WHERE WE GO, YOU CANNOT FOLLOW.

BUT I WILL MAKE THEM PAY, FOR YOUR WORLD, FOR YOUR FAMILY.

WE'LL SEE YOU SOON, ALFRED.

WE SEE YOU.

GOOD. LOOK AT MY FACE.

CSSHH

LET IT BE THE LAST THING YOU SEE, HUMAN.

PROTEX!

BOOM

LEAVE THE PEOPLE ALONE! IT'S US YOU WANT.

YOU'RE RIGHT. IT IS. AND SO, WE SHALL HAVE YOU.

NOT HERE. WE WOULD RISK TOO MANY WITH OUR BATTLE.

THERE WILL BE NO BATTLE. ONLY SLAUGHTER.

THEY'RE FLEEING.

THE KRYPTONIANS AND THE AMAZON LEFT.

THEN, WE HUNT.

AND THE SHAPE-SHIFTERS GAVE CHASE.

WE CHOSE MOUNT KRISTOFF FOR THE FINAL STAND.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS EASY FOR US.

BEFORE WE BEGIN, TELL ME--WHICH OF YOU KILLED MY MOTHER?

IT WAS I WHO SPLIT YOUR MOTHER IN TWAIN SO EASILY. DON'T WORRY. YOU WILL SOON JOIN--

RRRRRMMBBBLLLLLE

WHAT IS THAT?

THAT?

RRRRRMMBBBLLLLLE

"THAT IS AN EARTHQUAKE."

BRRRRRMMBBBLLLG

IT HAD BEEN SEVENTEEN YEARS SINCE THE ELS HAD APPEARED TO HUMANITY.

SEVENTEEN YEARS SINCE THEY HAD SAVED THE KINGDOM FROM AN ERUPTING VOLCANO.

KRAK

KOOM

A PUSH FROM MY QUEEN AND MY PRINCESS...

...AND THE MOUNTAIN ERUPTED AGAIN.

KRAKOOM

THE SHAPE-SHIFTERS USED ME. THEY SENT MY KINGDOM INTO AN UNJUST WAR. THEY MURDERED MY PRINCE AND MY KING.

SO I CAME UP WITH A PLAN TO FILL THE SKY WITH FLAMING ASH AROUND THEM, TO TURN THE VERY AIR TO FIRE...

...WHILE THE CASTLE WAS PROTECTED BY A MAGICAL SHOWER.

THEY CROSSED THE WRONG @#$%.

IT WAS QUINN'S IDEA TO PLANT THE PITCH ON THE MOUNTAINTOP.

TO ME!

OK

HARLEY'S MIND WAS THE ONLY ONE TWISTED ENOUGH TO COME UP WITH A PLAN LIKE...

...SETTING OUR GREATEST WARRIORS ON FIRE.

CHUNT

AGHHH!

CHUNT

PROTEX.

PROTEX AND HIS BROOD WERE LIKE GODS. THEY WERE INCREDIBLY POWERFUL.

BUT THEY WERE SO USED TO BEING THE DOMINANT SPECIES THAT THEY UNDERESTIMATED OUR STRENGTH...ALONG WITH OUR **SHEER BASTARDRY.**

ALFRED SENDS HIS REGARDS.

KOOOM

YOU.

THE ONE WHO SO GLEEFULLY BOASTED OF TAKING MY MOTHER'S LIFE.

WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

HSSSS.

AGHHH!

THE SHAPE-SHIFTERS WORKED FOR SO LONG IN THE SHADOWS BECAUSE THEY FEARED THE ELS, THE AMAZONS, AND THE STORMS.

THEY WERE RIGHT TO FEAR.

YOUR NAME!

GRA'Z!

GRA'Z. YOUR NAME WILL LIVE ON IN AMAZON HISTORY FOR ANY WHO WOULD HARM A QUEEN.

FIRE AND BLOOD.

YOU WILL BE A CAUTIONARY TALE.

SHHHHLK

WHEREAS YOU, PROTEX.

YOUR NAME WILL BE FORGOTTEN. ERASED.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS. THEY ARE BEATEN.

MY DAUGHTER IS RIGHT, QUEEN DIANA. THERE HAS BEEN ENOUGH VENGEANCE. ENOUGH DEATH.

WE WILL NOT WIPE OUT A SPECIES, NO MATTER HOW MALEVOLENT THEIR LEADERS.

YOU ARE WEAK, QUEEN LARA.

MERCY IS NOT WEAKNESS.

BUT I AM NOT SURPRISED A COWARD LIKE YOURSELF CANNOT SEE THAT. YOU WHO ARE SO AFRAID OF OTHERS THAT YOU WOULD SEEK TO CONTROL THEM OR WIPE THEM OUT.

PROTEX. FOR YOUR CRIMES AGAINST THIS KINGDOM AND THIS WORLD, YOU AND YOUR FOLLOWERS ARE BANISHED.

USING KRYPTONIAN MAGIC, THE SHAPE-SHIFTERS WERE SENT FAR AWAY. IMPRISONED IN A REALM OF PHANTOMS.

WE THOUGHT THAT WAS THE END. WE THOUGHT WE HAD TRIUMPHED.

BUT THERE WAS ONE MORE GREAT LOSS TO COME.

GENERAL WALLER. YOU MISSED MUCH. WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

CAPTAIN DEADSHOT AND I WERE WITH THE SOLDIERS, ALFRED.

I SEE.

WHATEVER MAGICAL GUARDS YOU HAVE ACCESS TO HAVE HIDDEN YOUR THOUGHTS WELL, WALLER.

BUT YOU SHOULD HAVE EXTENDED THAT DEFENSE TO YOUR UNDERLING HERE.

I COULDN'T FATHOM SOMETHING MORE EVIL THAN PROTEX.

BUT YOU... I KNOW WHAT YOUR PLAN WAS FOR THEM. TO WIPE THEM ALL OUT ONCE THEY'D REMOVED THE OBSTACLES TO YOUR RULE.

YOU WILL BE TAKEN TO THE DUNGEONS, GENERAL. YOU--

YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE LAID A HAND ON ME, GREEN MAN.

BRUCE HEARD THE CRY IN HIS MIND.

HNNNG.

BRUCE?

HEARD THE PAIN. HEARD THE ANGUISH OF HIS FRIEND.

AND THE BAT PRINCE FLEW.

HE ARRIVED IN TIME TO SEE THE LAST OF HIS KIND BURN.

BRUCE!

ALFRED.

HE FLEW SO QUICKLY...

MY BOY...

...BUT STILL, THE ASHES OF A MAN HE LOVED SLIPPED THROUGH HIS FINGERS.

YOU.

SHNG

WHA--?

FOUL TRAITOR!

HURK--

BRUCE.

HE... CAPTAIN DEADSHOT WAS WORKING WITH THE ALIENS. BUT I DISCOVERED HIS TREACHERY TOO LATE.

I'M SORRY.

I'M SO SORRY.

IT'S OVER, MY PRINCE.

IT'S ALL OVER.

A WEEK LATER, WE PREPARED TO SIGN AN HISTORIC TREATY.

THANK YOU FOR COMING, BRUCE. I WANTED YOU TO HAVE THIS.

WHAT'S THIS?

IT'S A PEN.

BUT I'M GUESSING IT'S ALSO A SYMBOL, IN THIS INSTANCE.

YOU SHOULD BE THE ONE TO SIGN FOR OUR KINGDOM.

KNOWING WHAT YOU KNOW NOW ABOUT YOUR BIRTH, YOU SHOULD RULE.

YOU ARE A WAYNE AND AN EL. TAKE THE PEN. TAKE THE KINGDOM.

YOUR MAJESTY. I...

I DON'T WANT IT.

I WILL DO ALL I CAN TO SERVE THE THRONE.

BUT I WILL NOT SIT ON IT.

WE SAVED THE WORLD. WHEN THE TREATY IS SIGNED, WE SHOULD CELEBRATE.

NO. WE NEED TO PREPARE.

FOR WHAT?

THERE ARE OTHERS WHO COULD SEE OUR ALLIANCE AS A THREAT.

THE LORD OF THE SEAS, THE SKY REALM, THE JARLS OF THE FROZEN ISLES...

I'M A TRAINED JUGGLER. I'M PRETTY SURE I CAN CELEBRATE AND COORDINATE A MULTI-EMPIRE DEFENSE AT THE SAME TIME.

YES. WE WILL DRINK AND PREPARE AND PLOT.

I'M NOT PLANNING THE DEFENSE OF THE KINGDOMS WHILE INEBRIATED.

FINE. I'LL DO THE DRINKING WHILE YOU PREPARE AND PLOT.

EXCUSE ME FOR A MOMENT...

ARE YOU GOING TO TELL ME HOW YOU ESCAPED AMAZONIA, SPACEMAN?

SORRY, LOIS. THAT WILL HAVE TO BE MY SECRET.

WELL, IT'S FORTUNATE I ENJOY SOLVING MYSTERIES.

WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?

SHE TIED ME UP.

I HAVE QUESTIONS.

MY MOTHER IS RIGHT, YOU KNOW? YOU SHOULD BE THE ONE TO SIGN THE TREATY.

YOU SHOULD RULE. IT'S YOUR ***BIRTHRIGHT.***

MY BIRTHRIGHT?

I SEEM TO REMEMBER YOU YELLING AT ME ABOUT HOW BACKWARDS OUR TRADITIONS ARE. NOW YOU'RE TRYING TO CONVINCE ME OF THEIR MERIT?

FROM THE MOMENT I UNDERSTOOD WHAT THE PEOPLE SAID ABOUT ME AS A CHILD, I FELT BOUND TO THIS KINGDOM BY SHAME AND DUTY.

I WAS THINKING ABOUT ALFRED. ABOUT THE LIFE HE LED AMONGST US ALL THIS TIME.

ALFRED'S LAST YEARS WERE SPENT AFRAID, HIDING WHO HE WAS.

I WANT TO FIND OUT WHO I AM. TO EXPLORE. TO GO WHERE NO ONE HAS HEARD OF THE BASTARD BAT PRINCE.

I UNDERSTAND.

WHEN YOU FOUGHT TO PROTECT US, YOU WOULD ALWAYS STOP ME FROM COMING WITH YOU.

BUT KNOW THIS: WHEN YOU *DO* REALIZE YOU'RE WORTHY TO LEAD, BROTHER...

...I WILL FOLLOW THE BAT-KING.

THROUGH TRAGEDY AND BLOOD AND FIRE, THREE KINGDOMS WERE FORGED TOGETHER AS ONE.

BUT THAT DAY WE FORMED AN ALLIANCE.

WE FORMED A UNION.

WE FORMED The League.

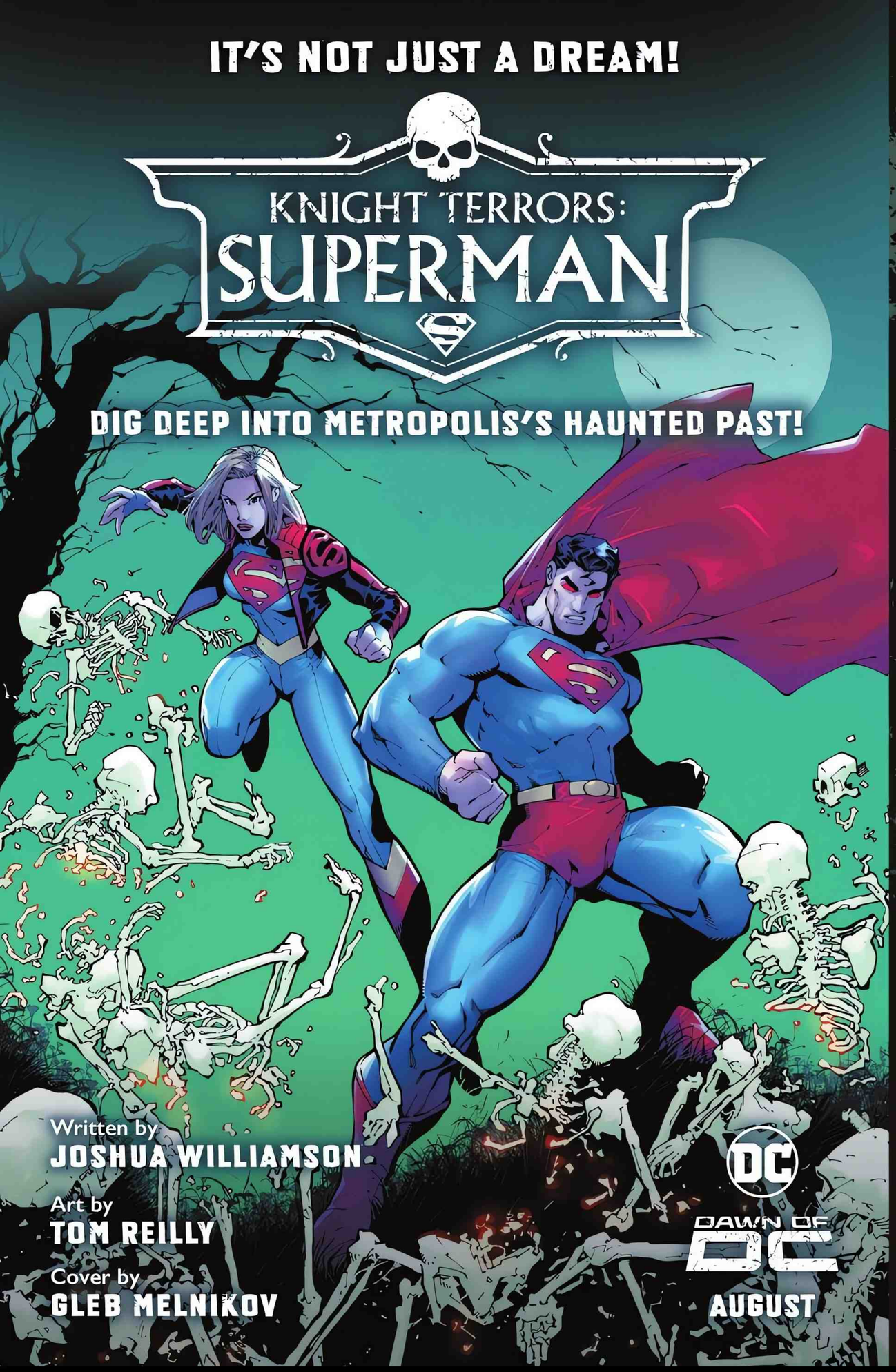
WE WOULD NEED IT.

The End

IT'S NOT JUST A DREAM!

KNIGHT TERRORS: SUPERMAN

DIG DEEP INTO METROPOLIS'S HAUNTED PAST!



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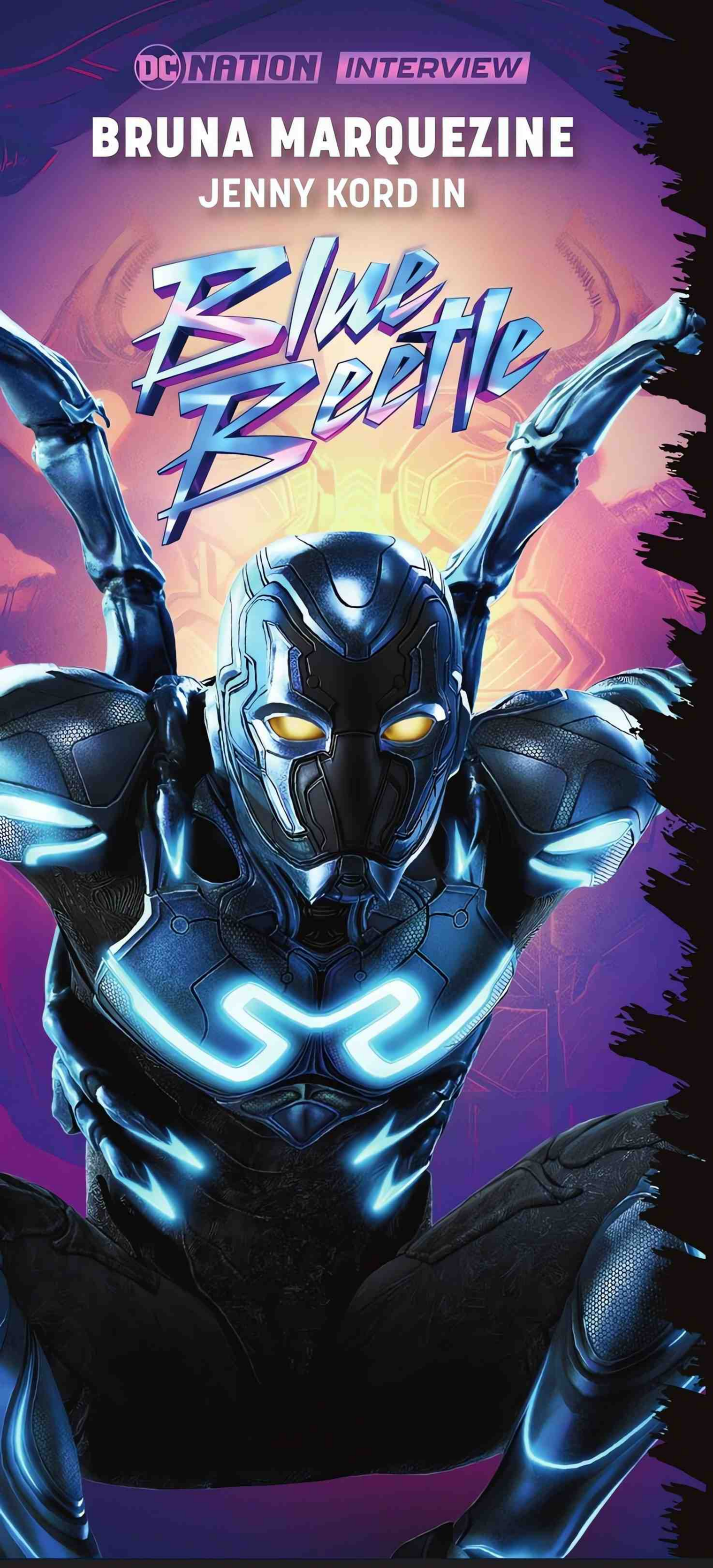

How would you describe your character, Jenny Kord?

Jenny is a very confident young woman. But she's also quite lonely. She lost her mom at a very young age. Her father, Ted Kord, disappeared when she was young. She has this need and this—this desire to belong to something again.

She's in charge of the philanthropic activities of Kord Industries, and she wants to just keep her dad's legacy alive. She has strong values and has her heart in the right place.

Speaking of Kord Industries—what can you tell us about the company?

It's Jenny's family company. Her grandfather created the company with her aunt, Victoria Kord. But when her grandfather died, he left everything to Ted.

What did it mean to you to get this role?

This was always a dream—but a dream I never allowed myself to have because it was so far from my reality. Every time someone asks me, "How do you feel being the first Brazilian as a lead actor in a superhero movie?" I'm like, I never thought I would be the first anything. It's an honor.

I always had this desire that my art would somehow cross borders, but the main goal is to learn and to grow and to work with people I admire. So this is a dream come true. I don't want to sound cheesy, but it is.

The film reminds me of my culture and the things I grew up watching. It was always something with a lot of heart, but also a lot of comedy and a lot of drama.

What can you share about the Blue Beetle gadgets?

The gadgets are over-the-top cool. Even a simple GPS. Everything looks so good. I love everything Jenny gets to wear and do with all of Ted Kord's creations. I've never seen anything like it.

How was your time in the Bug Ship?

The first time we hop into the Bug Ship, Jenny and the Reyes family are not close. They don't trust her yet. But it's so special for Jenny, because that's the closest she's felt to her dad since he disappeared.

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Blue Beetle

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